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I would respectfully request to comment on the E-Rate NPRM, proceeding 13-184. As technology expands and continuously impacts the education of our Nation's students, the need for our E-Rate program to expand in order to meet this transformation is great. The legacy model originally envisioned and established for dealing with a digital divide now is in need of an upgrade in order to deal with a global digital transformation. We should have a raise in the funding level to at least \$5 billion per year. A reliable high-speed network allowing us 1 GB access to the internet is a necessity. Online teaching and testing requirements dictate that reliability be attained and the highest levels of broadband access be used to ensure smooth testing performance. We also need enough funding to ensure an equitable amount of Priority 2 funds are available in order to build an adequate infrastructure to support these 21st Century needs. E-rate does not need to be static; rather it is incumbent upon the FCC to make it more dynamic in order to keep pace with innovations in instructional technology and provide the increased access needs for our Nation's students to engage in the technology of tomorrow. It is my hope that you will see fit to energize this program so that our young citizens of tomorrow may be globally-prepared for their role as productive citizens of the future.